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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS MARR PFOR TU

SUBJ: SIXTH FLEET PORT VISITS TO TURKEY

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1. EMBASSY'S MUTUAL SECURITY AFFAIRS COUNSELOR CALLED ON MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS ASULA ON NOVEMBER 6 TO STATE THAT SIXTH FLEET WISHED TO SCHEDULE PORT VISIT BY FLAGSHIP LITTLE ROCK TO IZMIR THIS MONTH AND TO ASK WHETHER MFA ADVICE NOT RPT NOT TO SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR PORT VISITS (REFTEL) REMAINED IN EFFECT. ASULA INITIALLY STATED THAT SITUATION IN RESPECT TO PORT VISITS HAD NOT RPT NOT CHANGED BUT HE CONTACTED MSA COUNSELOR LATER IN DAY TO SAY THAT HE WAS CONSULTING OTHERS ON QUESTION. ON NOVEMBER 7 ASULA SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY SUBMIT NOTIFICATION OF VISIT IN USUAL MANNER. EMPHASIZING THAT HE COULD NOT RPT NOT
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GUARANTEE GOT APPROVAL FOR THIS VISIT, ASULA INDICATED

CHANCES OF APPROVAL WERE HIGHER THAN IN PAST AND MERITED TESTING. WE HAVE ACCORDINGLY SUBMITTED AIDE MEMOIRE TO MFA NOTING INTENTION OF USS LITTLE ROCK TO VISIT PORT OF IZMIR NOVEMBER 17-20 AND STATING THAT SIXTH FLEET COMMANDER PLANS TO BE ON BOARD.

2. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE CHANCES ARE SOMEWHAT BETTER THAN EVER THAT GOT WILL NOW PERMIT RESUMPTION OF SIXTH FLEET VISITS TO CERTAIN TURKISH PORTS. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, CAUTION AGAINST PLANNING AT THIS TIME ANY PORT VISITS FOR ISTANBUL, WHERE THEY WOULD ATTRACT FAR GREATER POLITICAL ATTENTION AND WHERE RECENT OUTBREAK OF STUDENT VIOLENCE HAS CAUSED GOT CONSIDERABLE CONCERN.
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